

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1 after the title and before paragraph [0001] delete "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION"

Delete paragraph [0001].

Delete paragraph [0012], and replace with the following:

**[0012]** These and other objects, advantages and features of the invention will become apparent from the following description thereof taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a cross-sectional view that shows one example of a reversible thermo-sensitive recording medium to which an image forming method in accordance with the present invention is applied;

Fig. 2 is a graph that shows the relationship between the reaction heat and the heating temperature at which a liquid crystal is allowed to transit from a crystal phase;

Fig. 3 is a graph that shows the relationship between the reaction heat and the heating temperature at which a liquid crystal is allowed to transmit from a fixed phase;

Fig. 4 is a graph that shows the relationship between the heating temperature and a color development of a liquid crystal;

Fig. 5(A) is a flow chart that shows the process of image forming method 1;

Fig. 5(B) is an explanatory drawing that shows a display state of a recording layer in image forming method 1;

Fig. 6(A) is a flow chart that shows the process of image forming method 2;

Fig. 6(B) is an explanatory drawing that shows a display state of a recording layer in image forming method 2;

Figs. 7(A), (7B) and 7(C) are explanatory drawings that show image forming processes;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view that shows one example of a hot stamp used in

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Fig. 9 is a perspective view that shows another example of a hot stamp used in the image formation.

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**[0033]** With respect to heating means used in the above-mentioned three heating processes, various heating means, such as a hot plate, a thermal head, hot stamp (stage), a laser and a hot roller, are listed. For example, as shown in Figs. 7(A), 7(B) and 7(C), a recording medium 1 is allowed to pass through hot rollers 11a and 11b so as to be set to a crystal phase (steps S11, 21), and by allowing this to pass right below a thermal head 12 so as to form a visible image or a latent image (steps S12, 22), and then by allowing this to pass through hot rollers 13a, 13b so as to be discolored or allowed to develop a color (steps S13, 23).